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The following annual reports were read and referred to the Publication Committee:—

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary respectfully reports that during the year ending November 30, 1886, twelve members and four correspondents have been elected.

Resignations of membership have been received and accepted on the usual conditions, from Dr. Charles Harrod Vinton and Jerome B. Gray.

The deaths of seventeen members and one correspondent have been announced.

Eighteen papers have been presented for publication, as follows:—Prof. Angelo Heilprin, 2; Chas. Morris, 2; S. Frank Aaron, 1; Calvin McCormick, 1; W. D. Hartman, 1; C. Rominger, 1; Chas. D. Dolley, 1; Geo. Vasey, 1; Jos. Leidy, 1; J. C. Arthur, 1; Thos. Meehan, 1; Lillie E. Holman, 1; John W. Eckfeldt, 1; Wm. B. Scott, 1; F. A. Genth, 1; Geo. A. Koenig, 1.

One of these has been withdrawn; one will be printed in the Journal; one has been deferred in consequence of the inability of the Publication Committee to provide the required illustrations, and the others have been reported on favorably and form part of the current volume of the Proceedings.

One hundred and twenty-eight pages of the Proceedings for 1885, and three hundred and twenty-eight pages of the volume for 1886 have been printed, together with three plates.

Four foreign societies have been added to the list of exchanges to which the Academy publications are sent, making the entire number at present 379.

The average attendance at the meetings has been 21. Verbal communications have been made and for the most part reported for the Proceedings by Messrs. Meehan, Koenig, Heilprin, Woolman, Moody, Morris, Potts, Leidy, McCormick, Holman, A. H. Smith, Seiss, Holstein, Allen, Brooks, Sharp, Harvey, Willcox, U. C. Smith, Foote, Gibbons, Horn, Lockington, McCook, Lewis, Ryder, Dolley, Redfield, Tryon, S. R. Roberts and Miss Abbott.

At the meeting held June 22, the Academy, by resolution, joined with other scientific societies in an invitation to the International Congress of Geologists, to hold in America, the meeting after that provided for in London.

On November 2, a committee consisting of Messrs. U. C. Smith, Thos. Meehan, Angelo Heilprin, Rev. Henry C. McCook and T. D. Rand, was appointed to solicit aid from the Legislature in the erection of an addition to the present building. No result has as yet been reported to the Academy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. J. NOLAN,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

During the year the duties of the Corresponding Secretary have been unusually light, and have consisted in great part of the reception of acknowledgments from corresponding societies of publications sent by us and the usual letters of transmittal from them. As many of our exchanges are now sent through the mail, the acknowledgments are in the form of postal cards, which indicate by their dates how much earlier our publications are brought to the notice of the scientific world.

The four corresponding members elected during the year have been promptly notified, and letters in return have been received from them and read to the Academy.

The donations to the Museum have been many and important, as will appear in the Curators' report. It is one of the duties of my office to send receipts for these, but to the Curator-in-charge I must acknowledge my indebtedness for the fulfillment of a duty of which I officially know nothing, having merely affixed my signature in former years.

Very little correspondence of a miscellaneous nature has been received, the Bureau of Scientific Information having apparently been communicated with directly.

Acknowledgments of the receipt of our publications have been received by postal card, in total, 56; representing foreign societies, etc., 12; American, 15; Canadian, 3.